GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Transparency International`s Global Corruption Report 2007 has cast aspersion on Indian Judicial system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto: and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide speedy corruption-free judicial remedy?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)

(a),(b)&(c) The Transparency International`s Global Corruption Report. 2007 has come to the notice of the Government which inter-alia states that 77 percent of the general public has stated the Indian judicial system to be corrupt. The Government, however, does not agree with the said perception.

(d) The Government has already introduced Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006 in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006. The Bill seeks to devise a suitable legislative framework for empowering a judicial forum to deal with complaints against judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.

As far as the District and Subordinate Courts are concerned, the respective High Courts are empowered to take cognizance of complaints against the members of the lower judiciary.